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The Epistle from the

Yearly Meeting held in London ---

by Adjornments from the 21st to the 31st of

the 5 Mo. 1806 inclusive - - - - - - - - -

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of

Friends in Grate Brittan Ireland and elsware.

Dear Friends - - - - - - - - -

We find in Meeting in this our annual asembley

an renual of Lively zeal for promateing the

righteousness which is of Christ and for removeing

as far as in us lies the cause that obstructs it we

trust that our meeting is not only profitably

profesedly in his name but as we are given to drive

strength and incoragement in his cause from the

his strength mutual communication of our fealings

and exercises of mind that he still owns us however

unworthy and grants us by being at times baptized

into the sence of our own weakness to seek with

more ernestness his everlasting strength in the

desires therefore that ye may be built up a

people truly Cristian that righteousness and peace

Rom. 14th 17 and joy in the holy gast may increas and

abound we again convay to you the salutation of

love unfained we beseach you to consider the

holy gradation of righteousness peace and joy and to

mark that the first step is that most comprehensive

attainement righteousness - Righteousness is immutable

it leaves no duty unfulfilled Man has his full share

of Love from Man and god his due reverence

adoration and praise peace Main flows as a river

and joy in the holy spirit completes the gracious purpos
of cristian redemption Happy is that people that is in such
a case yea happy is that people whose God is the Lord.--
But friends though we are thus favored to see and to
approve things that are excilent yet when we
review the state of our religious Society and scrutinize into
the conduct of its members we are often obliged to
observe that an enimy is at work that earth sometimes
obtrudes into the place of heaven and that self-love
in many is more conspickuous than self-denial. you
know that the subjects of our inquiring on these occations
wrapsent are arranged under different heads and that it
becomes from time to time our concern to remind you
of your duty respecting many of them. when we ask
the question is there any growth in the truth moditly
were there nothing els might ocation a dubitfuly reply
but nothing needs prevent every man endued with the ligh
of Christ in himself from endeavoring to answer this
most important query plainly to his own conscience.
as the vigrious tree brings forth its fruit in its season so
if any man grow in the truth he will bring forth
the fruits of truth, even the fruits of the spirit so well
described by the apostle to the galatian converts and who
obtrude their growth in any we reply the love of ease,
the dred of conflict. but as winter and storms promote
the nedbering of the outward creation so tribulation and
conflicts improve the cristian they have their appropriate and
appointed end in the work of sanctification; they arise
not of the dust but are sent or permited in the proper
seasons and whoever seks escape without his share rejects
the verry means of his advancement and carcely can hope
to attain his due "measure of the stature" of the fullness of
Christ:" a state of which the same apostle speakes of as
attainable by all.

Now, beloved friends brethren a subject deeply
interesting subject, hath intervened among our deliberations
on the state of our society; and its long felt importance

importance induces us to suffer it hear also to interrupt the current of our Critian counsill. No longer since than the last year we excited your attention affresh to the suffrings of the Africans, and spoke of the continnuance of the cruel slave trade as of an accummulation of misiry and of guilt. Have then do we now rejoyce in having to proclame that this torrent of iniquity is arrested in its progress; that an important restriction of the trade has taken place that the annul inslaveings of thousands is ~~prep~~ prevented and that the progress again opens, ~~which~~ with increased brightness of a termination to the wrongs of Africa!" - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Let us therefore thank God, and take corrage and still persevere in the support of those testimones and practices to to which Cristian love gives rise and which Crist requires of his Church. And in order that we may be able to do this let love pure ~~aegue~~ unconquerable love reign in our hearts we have often exptiated on this topphick but yet we must violate our fealings if we supress some further obsernations on it at this time. Friends, remember, that to be "made perfect in love is a heigh state of Cristian excilence, and not attainable but by the sacrifice of selfish passions. No degree of resentment can consist with this state some persons are apt to profess that they can forgive those ~~things~~ whom they suppose to have injured them ~~wa~~ when such are brought to know and acknowledge their fault. But that is ~~but~~ little else than a disguised pride seeking for superarity. The love which Crist comanded to his Church goes further than that "this is my comandment" that ye love one another as i have Loved you" and how did the Lord love the world? let the appostle answer "God comandeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners. Crist died for us" And, friends mark and remember his Gracious dying words when praying for his very persecuters he said Father Luke 23d. 34th. forgive them for they no not what they do." and shall we expect access for our more feable prayers, at the throne of grace; if we harbor any illwill to our feabble fellow travelers towards immortality? let us hear again

the Saveour of men. and when ye stand praying forgive if ye have
ye have aught against any. He dath not allow time for seeing
the ingiuring person becam submissive but standing forgive:
for "If ye do not forgive neither will your father which is
in heaven forgive your trespasses." O, the excellences of
Christian Love and the temper of forgiveness it is the indespensible
requesite in that spiritual worship to which we are as a people
more peculiarly bare testimony yay is it not the very balm
of life and the vestpart of heaven? - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Thus have we hinted at some of the leading characteristics of the
Christian; we have attempted to hold up the standard of truth and
and we tenderly intreat all our friends who feal the nicessity of
measuring themselves by it and are in greate degree exemplary
persons themselves to be frequently attending to their respective
gifts in order to be helpfull to others for we are members one of
another if we are realy members of that body of which the head
is Christ. This mutual care is a fundimental prencipal of
of our Christian Discipline: this mutual care hath brought us
together at this time -

We have received this year epistles this year from all the
Meetings with which this meeting usualy corresponds with
the most remarckable feature in the intelligence which from
these and other sorces we receive respecting our Brethren in
North America is the great and successfull dilligence of some
of their Yearly Meetings in prometeing the civilization
of the Indian natives. We find that our Meetings for
Suffering for Sufferings has been very properly diffused this
intelligence among friends: and impressed with a desire of
co-operating in a work so benevolent, this meeting has
recomended a contribution to assist our American brethren
in their very worthy pursuit: and we dawbt not that
friends will chearfuly embrace this opportunity of
testifying our unity with their labours. - - - - - - -

Although as we have alredy remarked in the accounts which
come up in from the several branches of this Meeting
we are affected with various particulars which we
deplore yet we also are incouraged in observeing that

that the good cause remanes dear to many that fresh instances offer themselves to view of zeal in the Lords service, and that some remains persons are still seeking to be united to us in consequence of convincement. ——————————

The amount of suferings brought in last this year is about ten thousand three hundred and fourteen pounds of which same part is for demands of a millitary nature but the cheef part ecclesiastical. and friends while we are endeavoring to bare testimoney against war let us shew by our inoffensive quiet demenor, that we are truely Children of peace and while we refuse the claims of a preasthood from which we conscientiously dissent let us be diligent in waiting on the grate minister of the true tabernacle. This you know, friends, is the perpos —— of our assembling to together in silence and through thought there is among us at this times but little instrumental ministry or none let not this produce any abatement of diligence in the duty. Instrumental ministry in the life and power of the gospel is a greate favor to the Church; but the distinguishing exalance of the Christian dispensation is the amediate communication with our heavenly Father through the inward revelation of the spirit of Christ let us therefore brethren, submit to the baptiseings opperations of the holy Spirit which purify the sole and produce the capacity for communion with God. ——————————

Now — The grace of the Lord jesus Christ and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen ——————————

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting

by Aaron Frank ——

Clerk to the Meeting this year ——————

Extracts from the minuits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for Sandwich Monthly meeting.

Extracts from the minuits of the yearly meeting were read and received and are as follows

The Comitte in general services made the following proposal for an alteration in our discipline—
viz That for initateing convinced persons into membership with us— — — — — — — — —
that they appear at a preparative Meeting when circumstances will admit of it and request to come under the care of Friends and if the preparative Meeting approve the same that they acquaint the Monthly Meeting thereof which is to be substituted instead of the minute of 1750 page 21 ending with the words to be taken under their care— — — — — — —

They further propose that the following minute be substituted instead of the minuit of 1772 page 64 it is our sense and judgement that it is improper for Brothers Children Sisters Children or half Brothers Children or half sisters Children to Marry together or any nearer than a first Cousin Child! And if any notwithstanding shall proceed to marry nearer than a first Cousen Child being previously cautioned and advised against it that the monthly Meeting where such belong give forth a publick testimony against them and not receive such into unity again untill such Meetings are well assured that they have found a place of sincere repentance and are received in the truth. Which after solid consideration is with the preceeding proposal united with and they are directed to be inserted in all our Books of Discipline the former under the head of Convinced persons the Latter under the head of Marriage

This Meeting Concludes to raise $7.50 the ensuing year the proportion of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Quarterly Meeting is $31½ which they are desired to remit to this Meeting treasurer with an account to next Quarterly Yearly Meeting

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held by adjournment from the 16th to the 18th of the 6th mo. inclusive 1806

Obadiah Davis Clerk

This Meeting agrees to raise $4 00 for the service of the ensuing year the proportion of Sandwich Monthly Meeting $3 36 which they are requested to Remit to the treasurer of this Meeting

Extracted from the minutes of our Quarterly Meeting for Sandwich held at Sandwich the 3rd 10 mo. 1806 William Sawyer Jr. Clerk

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Some Thoughts on the qualification and work of an Elder in the Church of Christ.

The work of an elder in the Church of Christ appears to be very weighty, and not to be moved in but as the mind is brought under a right concern, and influenced by that wisdom which gives a right understanding in those things that belong to their office. To take the oversight of this flock and to judge of the ministery, requires that such as are selected from those services should be well grounded in religion and acquainted with the working of Gospel ministry it requires a deep going down to feel after the mind

of truth in all their movements; it requires clear discerning and sound judgement; it requires deep humility of heart; it requires the exercise of prayer, and without a portion thereof the duties of their office cannot be discharged to the honour of truth, nor to the edification of the Church. - For without these qualifications they are likely to err both in judgement and conduct; and their being set forward in religious society, exposes them rather more to some peculiar temptations, and so far both tends and is apt to think more highly of themselves than they ought. Where this is the case, they are very likely to err respecting the ground of ministry; though they may be capable of giving words of words, whether they agree with sound doctrine or not; but if they do not dawn, and travel in Spirit with those that minister, they they cannot discern what spring the words flow, and for want of this knowledge they are likely to err in judgement, and instead of helping forward the true birth, become the means of shifting, or staying of it. And for want of clear discerning and sound judgement, they may err nursing a false birth: and if there is not a dwelling in deep humility, there is danger of erring in conduct, and instead of being ensamples to the flock they be tempted to Lord it over the heritage.

"When I consider the weight and importance of the work confided to the elders, this query arises in my mind, "what is sufficient for these things?" for such weighty services the sufficiency must be of God or the work cannot be done. - For without a divine perception they cannot be qualified to discern, and give the living Child to the right Mother and if there is not wisdom and skill to use the snuffers with judgement and discretion they may extinguish the light, when they ought only

to remove that darkness & brightness that it may shine
the Ministry with greater clearness & the selection
for this weighty service is made in and by the Church
when under the divine influence, no doubt but the
weight will be manned and the lot cast upon the
right qualified: and there dwelling in that
which gives ability to labour in the Church of
Christ, can speak a word in season to them
that are ready to faint.

On looking over the advices of our yearly meeting
of Ministers and Elders in the year 1755. I find the
following lines, which appear to me worthy to be
transcribed, and with which I close this little
essay, viz. "And when the elders appointed to
assist them and have the oversight of the flock,
have faithfully followed the heavenly leadings,
they have been as a terror and dread to the
Ministry, in strengthening their hands to
war against with the enemies of godliness,
and leading the people on their way from
victory to victory over their enemies into the
dominion of Truth."

* Acts 1. 15 and 26. 8 mo. 1807 Mary Mitchell.

The Epistle from the
Yearly Meeting held in London
By adjournments from the 20th to the 29
of the fifth month 1807 Inclusive: — —

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of
Friends in Great Britain Ireland and
Elsewhere — —

Dear Friends, we are

we beseech you the salutation of our undiminished and renewed love: may we not reverently say of our love in the gospel of Christ, for we desire to be as the messengers of good tidings to allure you to increasing degrees of dedication to the cause of Truth, and to make you partake of the measure which we are mercifully allowed to feel, by being thus together and with one accord. But though we have again cause to confess that there is strength in the union of exercises, in a joint engagement of spirit we also intreat you to remember that "the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" & believe as a frequent application of heart to the Lord is the practice of friends in their private & their meeting retirements, that we will stretch them with our portions of his wisdom and strength, & he will be restraining in them the dispositions which tend towards the world, he will invigorate those which have their origin and accomplishment in heaven, and he will even "and he will even make glad the solitary place." On the particular inspection that we bear into the State of our religious Society, & many objects tending to its welfare have engaged our attentions; some of which we shall endeavour briefly to lay before you. But first we are inclined to express our thankfulness for an event which concerns not us only but innumerable multitudes of our fellow Creatures our fellow possessors of the faculty of reason our fellow objects of the redemption which Comes by Christ. We scarcely need name the abolition of the slave trade. We view it as one of the important acts of publick national righteousness which ever dignified the councils of any government, and our minds have been Directed in secret prayer to the all mighty governor of the universe, that he may be pleased to regard this decision & and Direct its future councills to such future acts of

publick mischief as may promote bigotry, in the
persons of his natural enemies. We may also
mention that we learn by the accounts which we have
received from our brethren in America, that their
attention in assisting some of the Indian nations
to attain the benefits civilization is still continued
with vigour and with encouraging success. We are
gratified with being informed of the contributions
which friends in this nation have made
in order participate in this work of benevolence.
Six thousand pounds of it are already put in train to
be remitted to America; about nine hundred more
are ready to follow; and we have cordial assurances from
our friends abroad that they will readily take up
them the administration of this service; which we trust
will not only prosper to the advancement of our
Indian brethren in the scale of civil life; but
like the gift of old, mentioned by the apostle may be
2 Cor. 9. 12 abundant also by many thanksgivings
unto God." Now, Dear friends, seeing Christian duty is not
a complex system, but consists of a few simple parts
it cannot be expected that great variety should be
found in the subjects on which, from time to time,
we are induced to address you. It is a peculiar glory
of the gospel that it remains the same. Love to
God, and love to our neighbours are its grand and
primary duties; each harmonizing with the other;
neither subsisting apart. To the latter we are immediately
led by the general care which our christian discipline
discipline promotes; and we believe it is also the ground
of the more private, but not the less beneficial care
which we trust is extended among us, in visiting families,
when we know our annual inquiry do friends endeavour
by example and precept to train up their
Children, Servants and those under their care,
which may lead them to a religious life and conversation

constant with our christian profession? the query then is devided in four particulars, all of them indeed important, but we now have to do with them as to observe, that is important and indispensible as we believe they are for us, they are not to be made the sole criterian for judgeing whether our education has been duely and successfully given consider dear friends what subjection of spirit, what care of conduct and what self-restraint go to make up a good example, tempered as it should be with sweetness of manner, seconded by holy fervency, and recommended by its being manifest that ourselves are seeking first ~~as~~ the kingdom of God and his righteousness these are truly great but they are attainable objects and equally the duty of every one who lays claime to the christian character for though all are not called to the same station in the militent church all are invited to heaven; and the general terms of reconciliation are like to all. O friends, did we all thus seek and attain to the things that are excellent precept, impressive precept would not be needed nor whitheld love would not be needed inspire if prudence would direct it both as to season and quantity and what reason have we not for hopeing that the Lord himself would render it availing by his blessing? Our query as we have said decends to particulars, of which we shall only now advert to one and that because it hath peculiarly at this time occupied our serious attentions called forth expresions of the sense of several Brethren and furnished our meetings with no inconsiderable subject of consolation, we believe there is an increased attention in friends in various parts not only to promote in their families the frequent reading of the holy scriptures but to make it the employment of a portion of time daily we commend this to and we believe if the heads of families are carefull in cultivating the seed of truth in themselves, there will be so little danger of the custom becoming formal that it will not unfrequently be the means of quickning quickning the minds of those concerned in it: more especially if a subsequent pause be alowed in order that the sacred truths which have been read

mead may have time to make their Due improvements on the mind
or that the mind may have time rise in secret aspirati-
ons after a blessing as at this at other times, that
several persons have been added to us by conviencement,
not desire it may also have been by advancement
conversion from form to power, such truly convinced
and converted are a strong tower, they know the
sacrifice which they have made for there present
condition, and value it accordingly, they have
bought the truth and are so far from desireing to sell
it that they are concerned that others should possess
the same enjoyment, but we are sorrie times greaves
that persons finding there way and profers through
self denial into our society, do not always retain there
ground, & the salt doth not always retain its savour.
In tenderness therefore of heart we intreat the
newly convinced not to esteeme there admission as a
period of rest from conflict, it rather requires a deepe
exercise and we beseach friends among whome such
may dwell to treat them with great circumspection
as well as kindness, beware of hurting them by an
ill example, they may be offered offended and if they
are sincere they are in the number of those whom
we are cautioned not to offend on the other hand they
are tender and inexperienced and they may be laden
with with the concerns of our discipline farther than
their strength will bear, thus friends on every occasion
cation we see that sound judgement and sound practice
require debth and solidity: let us, then, keeping in mind continuly
desire to be endued with that discernment which is the
mean under direction of the holy head, of qualifying the
body of Christ.

The amount of the sufferings brought up, which
have this year been reported to this Meeting from
our several Quarterly and other Meetings and from
Ireland is upwards of tenthousand nine hundred pounds
chiefly on the account of tithes and there called church

rates and also of a sundry demands of a military nature —
Before we conclude we are disposed to turn our attention to you
dear youth who are rising up to manhood, to you we would
extend a tender yet an earnest invitation in your hopes
of the church will have need of your help and there
is nothing that we desire more for you to see you advan-
cing in Ranks of Righteousness; in the Christian warfare
and your qualifications will lie in humility and
and Meekness, seeing it is the meeke whome
the Lord will teach of his ways But dear young people
men in this very meeting we have been made
to lament because so many of you evidently prefer
the gratifications of nature which is corrupt and
which tends to corruption to the cross of Christ
which corrects its hurtfull propensities and to the
grace of God which brings salvation. Many of
you have a degree of love to our holy cause —
why than will you pursue a train of conduct
which tends to lay it waste? Do not despise provisions
provision the Counsils of experience. Many have tried
the path which some of you tread and have found
it lead to misery and happy are those whose course is
interrupted and who are who do not persist in their pro-
ress before it lead to final destress. but though we
thus speak there are also many of our beloved youth
who are rising and risen into the state of Maturity
of whom we are perswaded better things and things
that accompany salvation. Dear young friends of what-
ever rank or station, it is cordial to salute you
in the fellowship of the gospel and to bid you god
speed. Hold on your way, turn not to the right hand
aside to the right hand nor or to the left, you may
have tribulation but be of good chere, your holy
leader hath overcome the world thus when some
of those who now address you shall be held no
more in this scene of conflict, but if they continue
faithfull will partake of the joy of their Lord and

and of your Lord, you may stand in their places with holy fervency, be a blessing to succeeding generations and show forth the praises of him who hath called you out darkness into his marvelous light. ——

Signed in and on behalf of the
Meeting by James Barker
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

1807. —

The Epistle
From the
Yearly Meeting Held in
London

by Adjournments from the 18th to the 27th of the Fifth Month 1807 Inclusive

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great Britain Ireland and elsewhere ——

Dear friends ——

We are disposed again to renew the current of Christian good will which has so often induced us to furnish you with a written memorial of our concern and love for our Brethren Dispersed in their various allotments in this kingdom and elsewhere and thus to fix for your advantage some traces of those impressions which from time to time, during the present state of our society have been made on our Minds,

If we are all instruments in the hand of the Lord to comfort
& comfort the feeble minded among you to support the
support the weak & to encourage the upright & arouse
the careless we pray that he by his almighty influence
may firmly establish in your hearts every good purpose to
which our words may excite you & like every other ground
of consolation which he may enable us to hold forth
Other dear friends again we salute you in Love in
gospel Love, How animating is the ability to consider
ourselves the common children of one benevolent and
all powerfull Parent to depend upon him for our
own preservation and to implore him for that of our
neighbours surely shall we not then draw nigh to
the accomplishment of those eternal commands thou
shalt love thy the Lord thy God with all thy heart and
with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with
all thy mind and thy neighbour as thyself — Luke 10. 27

The accounts we have received at this Meeting
respecting the present state of our Society in the
several Quarterly Meetings continue to afford us
with the relation of diverse instances of remissness
in religious duty which do not meet with their due
share of admonition. Nevertheless we believe that
in other cases the diligence of upright friends to
give counsel where it is adviseably necessary has
produced effects which should encourage perseverance
the spirit which tends to scatter and destroy unless
vigilantly watched is continually at work and we
request you beloved brethren to continue vigilant
and not to be satisfied with any former
exertions whilst the enemies evils remain
but call upon you by that love and compassion

which if you are in your offices you may not fear
for the neglect not to slacken in your endeavors to stir
them up to diligence & perseverance in godliness
which you desire — this exhortation has been drawn
from us by more than a year & [illegible] such as are in the
frequent neglect of our religious meetings we suppose
too long to remain without cause ill. (I will not say
be disowned but blessed is he who under the holy
influence of love having dispensed with
in the reason can seal himself clear owing any thing
to his Brother on this account — — — — — — — —

Our concern for the preservation of brotherly love
remains strong and unabated. We have been and are
in this Meeting made sensible of the
the propagating nursing effects of it therefore were
there no other inducements we should still be induced
from time to time to renew our ernest and
pressing exortations that that it may abound and
flourish among our dear Brethren in religious
Profession enmity even in a small degree pollutes
the mind and renders it unfit to approach with
acceptance that pure and holy being of whom
the beloved disciple thus epitetically testifies God is
Love and 1st John 4:8 do we not daily lament to see
wide spread desolations which the spirit which the spirit
of contention is even now occasioning to suffer humanity
this though it differs in degrees it springs from the
same root as greatest ill will therefore a sincere
abhorrence of war if they are consistent will reach
against the smallest bud of enmity as it is
cherished in any relation in the heart and the man

like in the will of Christ both learned the useful Lesson of self-
denial will often make a sacrafice of his own will and
opinion though he may esteem them to be right rather
than speak or act in the expence of Christian
fellowship

It is much in the power of those who have the care
of young children to prepare them early for the
salutary restraints of the cross of Christ and those who
thus cooperate with the holy Spirit rebuke early
resists the tender and flexible mind may expect
(and what better can they seek) his all sufficient
Blessing upon their endeavours and their success. Thus
dear Fathers and you Mothers I entreat you to
Consider the entire subjection of the will as the first
Step in education. it will generally ensure to you
that dutiful obedience over the rest of your
Children which will prevent the need of future
severity it will make you to govern them by love
and that they will be rendering your service
more easy at the same time that you are training
the Lord. And parents must search you as their
understanding open to take due apportionments
of correction to attain the benefit of the restraint
which your duty leads you to impose. Among
some of the most irksome to the lively
dispositions of youth are often those which
relate to Speech and Dress. But as we know
that the ground of these are direct from the
world in these things it behoves us completely
to prove by experience that they are often
the means of defence against temptations to
single sin the company of such as not living
their subjects to holy restraint are unsuitable

unsuitable examples for our youth to observe or to follow and when by the gentle intimations of truth we offer ourselves to understand they are ordered not to be offended they will feel you kindly disposed towards them for having thus in the way they should go and will bless the Lord on your behalf

I then have once touched upon some of the first important objects of the constant care of this meeting and since of those who desire to see our society Built up as a society that is compact together Jerusalem saith the Psalmist of old is built as a city that is compact together whither the tribes go up the tribes of the Lord unto the testimonies of Israel. Not only these great Subjects which concerns every state in life and Direct the course of our Christian conduct to the states more particular and part we shall not instructed with much of the Occasions of this Life you are still the object of our earnest constant care the society has long endeavoured to to consult your interests and to place within your reach whatever is necessary for your well fare and for that of your offsprings and you are equally the care of him who provides for the Sparrows to his care your care is as easy as that of any condition amongst men and of by his holy assistance will be a daily conformity to his will you become truly poor in spirit yours is the kingdom of God Heaven But as our friends suffer us to remind you that there is

is not a portion that can satisfy the mind which may not also be a source of [illegible] of your future
be fulfilled in your [illegible] you may find and give way
to fresh and purer and [illegible] all the foolish and hurtful
lusts which [illegible] in destruction and perdition
therefore [illegible] you partake of the universal necessity of
paying [illegible] attention to Christ sacred injunction
when addressing himself to his immediate followers
the [illegible] that [illegible] with these
[illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] to
[illegible] all mankind

[illegible] you have [illegible] every
[illegible] the [illegible] actions of life you have every
[illegible] to [illegible] the Lord for [illegible] the [illegible] which
he hath [illegible] you to [illegible] in your [illegible]
fulfilled the [illegible] by [illegible] your [illegible]
merely [illegible] for me with full confidence for
one [illegible] be full and [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible] the poor and [illegible] and [illegible]
if any God in [illegible] strong [illegible] to [illegible] the
Society, has often [illegible] many of [illegible] useful members
[illegible] more able advocate, be content with your station
[illegible] great things for your [illegible] may
not high stations but [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]. But above all things [illegible] to know
the Lord [illegible] have not known him and
[illegible] him fully and faithfully walk with him
with a perfect heart and with a willing mind
for if you seek him he will be found [illegible] if you
[illegible] you will [illegible] to be a [illegible]
[illegible] support of the [illegible] under the

the overflowing providence of Heaven to relieve the want
and bear the burden of his fellow. Hence the house
of mourning & all scenes of sorrow are
instructive with many of the good things of this
Life. You may not disclaim the title of affluent
and therefore have an opportunity among your good
works to exercise the temporal virtues committed to
your trust yet never desire that others may lately
consider that they are so rich on earth as to be
heirs of the kingdom of heaven. Faithful in those
good works which are produced by faith through
prayer you may not have to labour with your
hands the cause of truth but by your importunity
for grace to do and it may be prevailed upon not
to be by the weight or many appearances of your
property property, sometimes so visibly lies
on your property Less is an additional grace
in the account and we much desire that you
may be so awake to a sense of these things as to
be prepared to render up your accounts with joy
and to receive the answer of well done. The
poor and the rich have their appropriate
virtues and at the same time that each is
required to be content and to be humble we
believe it may be truly said that as contentment
is a peculiar ornament of the poor so is
humility of the rich your station in Life
subjects you more than others to be tried
by associating with other wealthy persons

among the people of God with whom the Lord of Christ is often to dwell, that you may be known by their conversation and manner of life as it may appear that we cannot sensibly and respectfully open our minds to you therefore we entreat you for your own sake for that of your posterity whom you are bound to protect and for the sake of the cause of truth we entreat you dear friends we beseech you by the mercies of God be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that you may prove what that is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God for God has entrusted me to say by the grace given unto me to every man that is among you not to think more highly than he ought to think but to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith

That you shall always be found humbly to be found in every condition of life and from time to time in your families and by your own fireside retired from company and as much as possible from the world and friends it is difficult to speak to your state but we may pray to the father of mercies that he would please to visit with you, and we desire you take time to be deeply solicitous about your eternal welfare the restraint of the spirit of truth is the ornament that profits the soul and if you will not be invested with it you are open to the reproach and ridicule of the profane and how will you at length be found and found worthy to stand before the son of Man

In this Meeting we have received Epistles from our Brethren in most of the States showing the continuance of their zeal in the cause of Righteousness and encouraging us to perseverance the particulars of many of which it does not seem needful

more to detail of the amount of the sufferings of our friends brought in this year in great Britain and Ireland chiefly for tithes Hire called Church Rates and militia[illegible] demands in upwards Eleven thousand seven hundred and seventy pounds
and two friends have been imprisoned for not having proper substitutes in the Militia. But we are by no means inclined to complain of the conduct of Magistrates on the contrary we believe in many places there is a disposition in the hearts of Magistrates which induces them to protect us from suffering to the uttermost limits Limit, of the Law. and we desire that Friends may so walk in fear & meek and peaceable conduct always as to secure and ever fight their good opinion so conducting ourselves as becomes our profession and suffer our Light to shine

Now dear friends of every rank state and condition let us endeavour to be one in the Lord that he may shower down his mercies & his grace upon all. & he will keep each in their proper place. the young will be mild submissive and teachable and will become early acquainted with that power which in their own life to conduct through life with hope in both there & our hearts the very remembrance of them awakens our tenderest feelings and prompts our prayers to the Lord for their preservation.
The middle aged will stand firm in their day as watchmen upon the walls and as watchers, having on the armour of Light

to withstand the efforts of the enemy and the aged will have to recede both retrospection and prospective views the past will recall to their [illegible] remembrance the wonderful mercies of the Lord and the future that the power of an endless life and the redeeming virtue of Christ are held out to them the prospect and satisfying them with the assurance of being his forever [illegible]

Stated as and on behalf of the Meeting by John Wilkinson Clerk to the Meeting this year

1808

* An opinion having sometimes obtained with regard to those who profess that individuals are restrained by the Society from [illegible] actions should cause that great Society to [illegible] it would [illegible] it no such power exists.

[To this Note not to be read in our Meetings]

Extracted from the Minutes of Yarmouth Quarterly Meeting held at [illegible] 12th Mo. 8th day 1809.

The [illegible] of this Meeting appointed in the 11th Mo. last to take into Consideration some of the inconveniencies attending the Quarterly Meeting at Yarmouth in the present state of the Meeting house and farther premises Report that they have attended to their appointment and are of the judgement that it would be advisable to meet annual Meetings there in that place and also think it

maude be best for the Stable to remain as
they are for the present

on the behalf of the Committe
Northern Holland

Jer: Bell
12 mo 8 day 1809

Which report is refered to next Quarterly
Meeting and the Comitte in the meantime
is desired to consider of the Dimentions of the
House proposed to be built with the expence
thereof and to advise with the friends of
Sandwich Mo Meeting on the Subjecet and
report the Same together with such other
matters relative there to as they may judge
nesary to next Quarterly Meeting

William Sawer Wall Clerk

Extracts of the minutes of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at Newbedford
third month 23 1810

The Comitte appointed in the 10 mo and
Continued in the 12 mo Last for the
purpos of taking into consideration the
Size &c of the Meeting House proposed to
be Built at Sandwich made the fallowing
report

To the Quarterly Meeting

Aggreeable
to our appointment we have taken into
consideration the size of the Meeting house
proposed to be built at Sandwich for the accommo-
dation of the Quarterly meeting and it is our judgement
that Said house should be forty eight

feet Long by by the Four feet wide with a porch
twenty eight feet Long & nine feet wide which
Dimentions corresponds with those of the meeting
house in Newbedford. We estimate the cost at
about Two thousand Dollars two of which some
friends of Sandwich Monthly Meeting have
subscribed eight hundred & ten Dollars

Dollars — — — — — Signed Matthew Howland

Stephen Rogers
Samuel Hewitt
Asa Howland

1 Mo. 13 Day
3 Mo. 2 1810

Which report is excepted —

At a Session of Sandwich Monthly Meeting
we appointed to join the Comitte of this Meeting
in the case of the erecting of said house in such
situation as they may judge best and present
this Meeting an Estimate of the balance of the
expence beyond the Amount of that Meeting
Subscriptions, which appears are Friends
Matthew Howland Jr. Cornelius Howland
Humphrey Slocum, Abner Russell
& Barnabas Hatch a Comitte for the for the
aforementioned purposes —

on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Dwyer Mall Clerk

Extract &c —

This Meeting having concluded to raise
Eight-hundred Dollars for the ensuing year.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting's proportion thereof is three hundred and sixty dollars which is to be forwarded to Caleb Greene of Providence Treasurer of this Meeting---

Extracted from the Minuits of the Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island from the 12 to the 19 of 6 mo. 1808 by adjournments inclusively

Samuel Rowland
Clerk this Year---

Report &c

Respecting the repairs

It is proposed to Raise five hundred and Sixty Dollars for the uses of the ensuing Year the proportion of which Sandwich Monthly Meeting is $50.40 cts which it is requested may be sent to our Treasurer

The Comitte appointed in 3 Month Last to confer with Sandwich Monthly meeting respecting a Building a Meeting house in Yarmouth made the annexed report which was excepted and our Treasurer is Directed to pay whatever sum may not be provided for by the subscriptions entered into for building said Meeting house

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Report &c

According to appointment we have Consulted

with a Comitte from of Sandwich Mo. Meeting
Respecting a meeting house at Yarmouth and find that
a friend of Yarmouth has given half a acre of
Land in a Suitable place for the accomodation
thereof and taking into view the situation of friend
and others in that Neighbourhood recommend a house
to be built one story high with 12 feet posts
forty feet Long and thirty feet wide and we
estimate the Cost at about $800 one half of
which is offered by the friends of Yarmouth
and it is probable to us that $200 more will be
paid by other friends of Sandwich Mo. Meeting
and it may be necessary for the Quarterly Meeting
to provide $200 in such manner as they may
think best

on behalf of the Comitte

Wm Rotch jr.
Obed Mitchell
David Mitchell

Nantucket
6 Mo. 27. 1808

Extracted from the Minutes of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket
the 28 day 6 Mo. 1808

By William Sawyer Well Clerk

The following extracts from the Minutes of the
yearly Meeting were read and having claimed our
said consideration the Clerk is directed to forward
Copies thereof to the several Monthly Meetings
Extracts from the Minutes of the yearly Meeting
of Friends held at Rhode Island from the
10th to the 13 of 6 Mo. 1810 inclusive

The Queries

with manner thereto from the several Quarterly Meetings were red, which awakned a concern in the minds of many friends that led to several feeling judicious remarks upon the Deficiencies manifested in these manners particularly in the neglect of attendance of our religious Meetings giving way to sleepiness in some instances a defect in Love and unity and the improper use of Spirituous Liquors which our Desire may be duely impressed on our minds and transmitted by our representatives to the several Quarterly Meetings with a caution that we Carefully discipart our Christian testimony against war and not indulge a vain Curiosity in attending training or any Military exercises even as spectators.—

It is proposed to rais the sum of 180 Dollars for the present year of which the proportion of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is 124 Dollars

Samuel Rodman Clerk
to the Meeting this year.—

It is concluded to Rais Eighteen hundred Dollars for the use of the Quarterly Meeting the year ensuing, which the several Mo. Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the Established proportion———

Extracted from the Minuts of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket for Sandwich 6 mo. 26. 1810. Abraham Sherman jr. Clerk at this time.—

Mo. Meeting Sandwich proportion is $162—

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting Held in London

By adjournments from the 24th of the fifth Month to the 1st of the Sixth mo. 1809 inclusive.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of friends in Great Britain, Ireland and Elsewhere.—

Dear friends,

In turning our attention to you in your various allotments, we are incouraged to give this testimonial of our Love, a Love which is felt to be the blessed consequence of our indeavours to serve the Lord from whence it springs. we desire that you also may be furnished and replenished with this greatest of Spiritual gifts, it will contribute to sweeten life: and through the efficacy of redeeming mercy it will disarm death of its terror, in pursuit whereof this "pearl of great price" oppositions, will arise during your State of probation yet be not discouraged but be patient. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit even of the earth and hath Long patience for it untill he receive the early and Latter rain be ye also patient: Remember that the fruit that which you seek is not only peace in such proportion as the Lord shall see meet to bestow

Bestow it no time but peace is eternal for we
with him forever. ——————————

The subject of our care in this Meeting
have been conducted with much brotherly love
and condescension which our Exhortations to mutual
vigilance and care have been permitted
from time to time to experience that refresh-
ment of mind which induces us to believe that
our Meeting is still owned by our Holy Head
and high priest Christ Jesus ——

Our present engagements have been similar to
those which have had our attention in preceding
Meetings. At our Last we believed it right by
a special Minute to urge our Monthly and
Quarterly Meetings to stir up those to whom
it is intrusted the care of Children and young
people to a conscientious discharge of that weighty
duty. We are now disposed to express our warm
desire that the youth may co-operate with
our concern by being willing early and seriously
to watch over their own Conduct by the Teach
of that true Light which is not hid
from the humble mind. Dear young
friends, be not only willing to submit to the
gentle admonitions and restraints of those who
desire for you above every other attainment
a growth in the holy fear and Love of God but
be watchful even over your inmost thoughts
for thought is the spring of action — out of the
heart is man observed by our blessed Lord proceed
those evil practices which defile the man
And if you should as yet be startled at the
supposition of defilement let us say in

Consonant Language that is the one conceive those
evils propensities which if unrestrained mick mer
the work of sanctification above all Do not forget
or neglect to let your Soles arise in frequent supplication
to the preserver of men who hears the prayer of
the humble and is well pleased with the Dedication
of youth—the sacrifice of the beginning of your
strength

A part of the object of the advice which
we have mentioned as having been the
Late Concern of this Meeting to give to parents
was to train up their families in pleasing ness
a Comprehensive word at this time as
respecting the subject a fear has arisen pres
-ted among us that not a few elder friends and
even some who take part in our Discipline
have not been have not been sufficiently
examplary particularly in the furniture
of their houses it therefore might to caution
against giving way in this respect to the
varying and often costly fashions of the age
though it is a weakness which does not warn
to favor so much of personal pride as does
vain attire yet it bespeaks a mind engaged
with trifles and a fondness for show which
inconsistant with the Christian character
and it disqualifies for duly advising such
as may rush into further degrees of extravagan
-ence

The amount of the Sufferings of friends of which
an account has been this year brought to the
Meeting from Great Britain and Ireland is
upwards of thirteen thousand pounds, they are
principally for tithes preasts Demands and distre

and those called Church rates are to a considerable
and a considerable part for Military demands
a few years we have suffered a temporary
imprisonment under the militia laws we
retain an unabated concern that friends may
be strengthened to support our principal our
testimony against a ministry not depending
on the fresh openings of the Spirit of Christ
in the heart and supported by pecuniary means
we believe also that this testimony to the
purity of genuine and free gospel ministry
strongly evinces that the formation of our
society was not an effort of mans wisdom
neither is there anything more calculated
to sap our foundation and render us a degen-
erate church than general departure from
this principal — — — — — — — —

We are inclined also dear friends to turn your
attention to the root of our testimony
against war. It is no more than Christian Love
and that righteousness which produces peace
quietness and perpetual assurance as its
natural fruit. This draws the mind away
from those passions and desires in which are
Laid the foundations of Contests. Let us
then frequently examine our hearts and
Let us prove our own selves and be
have for the seed of Contention neither
or Cherish the [illegible] and a Resignation
to Suffer is Cherished there and since our

have Mentioned Some of our Friends have
have Suffered and more may probably suffer
imprisonment we are Deeply Concerned that
they may walk Consistently with their testimony
in every respect: Shewing by their Conduct
that they truly Salove a Master who was holy
harmless and Separate from Sinners ——
at this Meeting as at former ones we have
received Epistles from our Brethren in the
Several Yearly Meetings in North America
and one from that of Ireland, on the Continent
these Meetings appear generally attentive to
important Concerns of religious society a
Care to support the respective
object of Slavery remains and we believe
will remain as long as the evil exists and
the more recent engagement of some of the
Yearly Meetings to depute the benefits of
Civilization among the native Indian tribes
of America subsists unabated upon the
account from Ireland is encouraging and
induces an animating hope not only that the
Yearly Meeting there is favoured with
Zeal and Discernment but that many Instru-
=ments are under preparation of heart to
become advocates of our Christian testimonys
and principles. ——

In the silent Lapse
of time several of those who have long
endeavoured to support the cause of truth
and Friends who have been meet to meet —

meet with us for that purpos in this annual
assembly have attained the Limit of their
allotted probation and we humbly trust are
safely arrived beyand the reach of Sorrow.—
of such a events we have again at this Meeting
received some impressive accounts. We perceive
the apparent chasm which their removal creates
=ns; but we may be animated in observing their
peaceful close—how as they approached the
confines of that "city which hath foundation" Heb xi.10
their hearts were filled with hope, and their
tongues employed in praise:—as if near the
begining of a new song, of which the melody
is unlimited and the duration eternal "the
Lord is my strength Ps. cxviii. 14 and song
and is become my salvation"—

We are also comforted in observing from year
to year, and not often more than the present
year, succession arising of such as appear to be
endeavoring to serve the Lord in uprightness of heart.
Some in one way and some in an other. in the
Lords service there is employment for every
talent with which he has endowed his creature
man; each should be employed in the proper
and allotment allotted Department; and all to his
praise "There are diversities of gifts" saith the
apostle "but the same spirit"

Having therefore no reason to think that the
great Head of the church hath forsaken us,
but that he is still willing as our hearts can

stand open to him, to qualify for judges not for counsellors.
let us endeavour by his gracious assistance and with
unceasing prayer to him for that help to be in
our way, and yield tender youth up to that most critical
critical time of life, in which men often receive
the bias which forms them into sentiment, spirit
Gas, or warps them away from this fear, and
sometimes almost irretrievably, let us grow
in conclusion, prepare to ponder the path of
your feet, The earlier you are devoted to his
service the better servant you will be, and
and is sense in little things, and not in those
only which appear great and highly beneficial
to others, but that the meanest is greater than
to be able in a pure heart to say "thy will be
done in me?" and this by the Spirit of truth of
him who taught his immediate followers after
this manner to pray, may be attained even
in childhood it will be a most precious
morning sacrifice to the God who hath given
you Life, who stands ready, as you faithfully
serve him, to store it with blessings, and
who can finally crown it with peaceful
immortality—

Signed in and on behalf of
the Meeting by John Wilkinson Clerk
to the Meeting this 7th Year

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London.

By adjournments, from the 21st of the fifth Month, to the 1st of the sixth Month, 1810 inclusive.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends, in Great Britain, Ireland and Elsewhere.

Dear Friends

In turning our minds towards saluting you with an epistle, and particularly as the subject came more than usually under attention, an engagement was felt, which induces us to believe that in so doing we shall be in the way of our duty: and when that precious love which binds together the members of the spiritual body is in dominion, this duty is made manifest. And baptized into his spirit as the faithful church of Christ, where into in name, and baptized into his spirit, we abide under this powerful influence to visit the meetings; we also the members, in their allotments & several abodements can find no surer means of being preserved, each in the way & line of our duty for all contributing, each his part, to the common welfare, than by experiencing "the Lord God" reminded, "shed abroad in their hearts." Just we know that the love of earthly things too much prevails. The harmony & communion & unity so

intermitted. yea even many become spiritually
"rapid and stupid." Dear friends, who is
who may mar or mad this our understanding? let
me address you in the language of the evangelic
al prophet, "Arise, Shine;" for is there
the Lord in his never failing mercy, may
direct the words of his servants, which by you are say
that your light is not come." Let it then be display
-ed in conduct. Prize in our hearts great command
-ments of perpetual obligation, the love of God,
and the love of our neighbour. the latter is the
ground of our Christian discipline and the form
is the life of our spiritual worship. and we
are persuaded that by, through the redeeming
power of the word, and by continuing in this fear
and under his guidance, we become established in these
both dispositions — i.e. to use other words, with gratit
-ude, watchfulness, and tenderness of mind we improve
-ve these healthy gifts of grace they will never be taken
from us, but will remain as a land, when the evil
of ~~difficulties~~ shall be removed, and a nearer access be
opened to that fountain of love, in a blessed immor
-tality. at the other annual assemblies, when we are call
-ed to account of the state of the meetings which this
Yearly Meeting superintends, we have too often
occasion of grief in hearing of disputes which do not
comport with a people professing to be spiritually
minded. Such are from various quarters reported
to us this year. yet we are not disposed to enumer
-ate them in us, though we can readily trace their
origin. But it is the mind of every one amongst us, that it is
better to be willing to bear, each the origin of his own
dispute, than to compose his mind by considering
it a small one. The more we can abide

under a sense of our own wants, the nigher are the more earnestly shall we apply for help to Him upon whom help is laid. And probably the want of more entire willingness to give ourselves in the creation to Him is one great reason why no more are raised up to bring forth fruit to the Lord's husbandry and godliness. It can scarcely be denied, that fainthearted labourers ~~are also~~ in our Lord's vineyard are still wanting. We noticed in our last year's epistle, the removal of many who, according to our power of spiritual perception, might bear the appellation. The addition in connection of the present year has added to the list of the dead, who we doubt not are gone to the Lord; and is a repeated call to the living to look, watch, and be sumbling: since with the new additional year, there will be cut off that other faithful servants are ripening to the same solemn period: a period which, though to them it may be unspeakably blessed, will deprive the church of their labours, and of the spiritual travail, sympathy, and prayers of their spirits.

It is certainly not easy to compress the wants of the church in one comprehensive term; but it seems as if one of the most scriptural wants at this present day were Dedication. Remember, dear visited friends, that in Christ Jesus you are to submit to his rule, to declare it for his cause; and that the yoke of disobedience is known to be heavy. Thus, while we are inviting you to faithfulness, by the hopes which we are ready to depict, in the departure of servants and of hand maids; and by the grief that depend on their sins as they were entering on that nearer union with the Lord; with him "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;" we may truly say, that the sisters "ye are all called to be free;" even to the glorious liberty of the children "of God."

And it is with thankfulness that we perceive, as also we hinted last year, that very many of our Redeemer's friends of both sexes, seem sensible that the Lord's preparing hand is upon them. How thankworthy is their meekness in the path of dedication; yea yet in their low and secret state, they may go on "from strength to strength"; until, having fulfilled their measure of suffering, every one of them may "appear" with final acceptance "before God in Zion."

The amount of the sufferings reported this year on account of tithes, priests demands, and these called church rates, and for military demands, is upwards of twelve thousand six hundred and seventy eight pounds. In our last year's epistle we adverted to the imprisonment of a few young men, under the militia laws; and expressed our apprehension that more cases of that kind would follow. But whether of the attachment of many of our youth to their peaceable testimony, induced this apprehension, and it has been verified by the imprisonment of several more on account of the local militia, and of one for the common militia. Though these temporary sacrifices of liberty demonstrate a disposition which endears them to our hearts; nevertheless we cannot forget that they are yet but in the beginning of their course of dedication; and, as in the case in various ways with many others of our precious youth are as yet only "girding on the harness." If dear youth you are allowed to receive a peaceful reward for your early submission to duty, gratitude prompts you still to keep your eye to your holy guide, for further manifestations of his will, and for further proofs of his protecting care. And know assuredly, that your days are prolonged to a period at present unmerited, and you are preserved in the fear of the Lord, these, and all your morning acts of humble attachment to his cause will be sweet in your remembrance.

We have received at this time epistles from all the North American yearly Meetings

in which besides the general vigilance over the welfare of the society, we find a continuance of attention to the same objects of more general concern, which we mentioned last year: namely, the state of the black people still held as slaves, and the measures employed for civilizing the indian natives.

The Epistle from Ireland has been particularly grateful to us, and we have not failed to testify our unity with friends in that nation by a free affection ate words of reply. Living as we do under the same holy and uniting principle, government and above all professing the same holy and uniting principle we are inclined at this time to commend our friends of the sister nation to the continued cordial remembrance of their brethren on this side the channel.

Now, dear friends, we would mention one subject which at this time has been under our notice; a caution to all to use moderation in their manner of living; and in this way to seek relief from the increasing expence of the times in which we live, rather than by engaging in more extensive and often hazardous schemes of trade. By these latter means the mind becomes encumbered, and unfitted for religious service, yea often for religious thought, and for breathing daily after the spiritual riches, which are to be enjoyed in close communion with God. And let us have to consider how distant from the state which indeed is still in case to the full extent of its, or is endeavouring by multiplied adventures in trade, to acquire that power, which it seeks for the purpose of worldly enjoyment.

We believe however and we are glad in believing that there are numbers who act upon sounder principle than these, who knowing as with the apostle that "the fashion of this world passeth away," are really desirous of using "this world as not abusing it." Those we would encourage to hold on in the day cast up before them, trusting in the Lord, who hath declared that all things necessary will be given to those who seek first His kingdom. Thus treating, and endeavouring to apply to him in secret supplication, in the difficulties that must in a state of probation be the lot of all, we may humbly hope that in our several proportions we shall "grow" in the truth" individually; and that coming up in our allotments in the church militant, our various meetings will also, whether more or less as to number, experience among them a "growth in the "Truth."

But dear friends there is one attainment which at this time, we are earnest to remind you of; an attainment without which no other gift can be permanent and certain. We want to press on your the never ceasing duty of humility and lowliness of mind. Even our blessed Lord declared himself to be "meek and lowly of heart;" and can any one, expecting salvation by him, be exempt from the need of possessing the same holy temper? However great the talents with which he may have endowed us by nature, or however he may relinquish our souls with the more excellent gifts of his Holy Spirit, still we may have nothing which we have not received; and we can have

sound reason for setting at naught the least of our brethren — for whom, let us remember, equally as for us, Christ died. Let us then dear friends be willing to examine ourselves, and know whether we are indeed humble followers of a lowly-minded, though omnipotent, Saviour. If we find a ~~[illegible]~~ deficiency of humility, let us pray for an increase of it, and for assistance to check the springing up of this dreadful opposite, Pride; and if we are not without some ground a hope that we are endeavouring to grow together with an humble heart, we shall certainly be encouraged still to supplicate for its continuance. Finally,

Dear friends, whether with the beloved disciple, we address you as fathers, or as young men: whether without regard to age, sex or station, our Lord in Christ now salutes the aged the or the rising generation; remember, that it is "the meek whom the Lord will teach his ways:" and thus taught, and receiving with unreserving heart his holy doctrine, "grace and peace" will be multiplied, "from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting

by John Wilkinson,

Clerk to the Meeting this year

Extracts from the minute of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held on Nantucket 2d of 7mo 1811

The following extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting were read and copies thereof directed to be sent to our several Monthly meetings.

Sandwich Quarterly meeting proposes that in future their meetings be held on the first fifth day of 7th Month at Nantucket & of the 10th month at Sandwich and of the 12th and 4th months at New Bedford. which we unite with and the alternate [illegible] the place in the 10th month next

The subject of inspecting Testimonies and memorials of deceased Friends claiming our solid attention. It is concluded that they have the inspection of the meeting for sufferings after having had the approbation of Quarterly meeting previous to their being presented to this meeting

"This Meeting has concluded to raise nine hundred dollars the ensuing year the proportion of which for Sandwich Quarterly meetings is four hundred and twenty four dollars which they are directed to to send to our Treasurer"

"The subject relative to our present school Friends coming before us it is concluded to refer to the minute of 1803 respecting that Subject and monthly and Quarterly meetings are required to forward the subscriptions as they recommended"

The Committee appointed last year to promote subscriptions for the purpose of encouraging a boarding School having made report

"thereof released from further attention thereto; and as
"the said Committee have not been able to obtain a suffi-
cient friend to commence a school at present
"the subscriptions are relinquished; and this meeting
"feeling a renewed concern that the object of establish-
ing a school for the promotion of a guarded education
may still be kept in view; and be put in execution
soon it can be respectfully recommend to the
several quarterly and monthly meetings to encour-
age Friends to a liberal Subscriptions.

Extracted from the minutes of the
Yearly meeting held in Rhode Island in the
sixth month, 1803."

Upon looking into the state our society as
exhibited by the answers to the Queries from the
respective Quarterly meetings, our minds have been
affected with the deficiencies apparent therein and
deep concern upon the occasion has been felt,
and manifested itself in lively expressions upon
their inconsistency with our holy profession."

"Without descending into every particular at
this time we hope that the minds of friends in the
meetings subordinate to this may be impressed
with the necessity of vigilance and that as far as
is practicable each concerned Friend may become and
consider himself an Overseer and act with the
Qualification that Wisdom will confer over himself
and such of his Brethren in whom he may discover
an abatement of Zeal, or want of concern in the
attendance of our meetings for worship and discipline
or those who do attend but give way therein to
a Drowsy propensity therein.

"And as the spirit of Detraction which is very pernicious in its consequences in Religious as well as Civil Society is noted in most if not all the accounts in a manner that we have cause to fear every monthly meeting is more or less affected by it; from their neglect not sufficiently regarding the advice of the Apostle to "Bridle" their "Tongues" & by the due observance of which salutary Council their minds would be gradually exercised so that nothing injurious to the Character of another would proceed from them"

"It is also with feelings of regret and sorrow that we have found the accounts manifesting in many instances that some of our members give way to the degrading practice of the frequent use of Spirituous Liquors. as this is an Evil and weakness which may be classed with the enormities which are to be found among the unregenerate only we believe it to be right to refer to our Salutary Discipline; and when after due admonition and a reasonable forbearance with such as are become so lost to a sense of the requiring of Truth as to persevere in a practice so reproachful to their own Characters; and in which the Comfort and happiness of their families are involved and without a reasonable ground for hope of their being reclaimed, we recommend to monthly Meetings to remove the reproach occasioned by such conduct by disowning the offender.

The Clerks is directed to forward Copies of these minutes to the respective Quarterly meetings

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 15 to the 19 of 6 Month inclusive 1811. by Obadiah Davis Clerk

This meeting proposes to raise seven hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year the proportion of which for Sandwich Monthly meeting is sixty three dollars which they are directed to send to our Treasurer

We unite with Sandwich Monthly meeting in the appointment of Abial Shinn and Deborah Hoxie to the station of Elders

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting aforesaid by William Sawyer Clerk

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London

By Adjournments from the 22nd of the Sixth Month 1811, inclusive,

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great-Britain, Ireland and Elsewhere.

Dear Friends

Renewedly disposed to embrace every opportunity of addressing you with some account of the care and engagement of mind which have prevailed us at this season, we have again felt encouragement to believe that we may be favoured, through the helping mercies which

is permitted to crown the humble endeavour of the
disciple to build you up "on your most holy faith
in Christ Jesus our Lord." Further than this
cordial salutation in Him, the "living stone," the
"chief corner-stone, elect, precious," and come to
Him that ye may be "built up a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood." These are indeed sacred expressions,
not lightly to be adopted in the state to which they
point is a high attainment, not to be reached by
human contrivance and skill: but remember, it is
the glory of the gospel dispensation, that by it "every
valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made
straight, and the rough places plain;" yea, even
the blind shall be led "by a way that they know
not," and darkness shall be made "light before them."
"These things" saith the Lord, "I will," "I do unto
them, and not forsake them."

One principle engagement of mind, which has
been manifested in this meeting, has been for our youth;
and as the influences of heavenly love are successively
visiting them as they rise from childhood; so the
care of the living members of the church is ex-
-pressly attracted, to attempt their preservation
from the dangers incident to their state and to
encourage them to persevere in their attachment
to their holy and heart-tendering visitant. Thus
dear young people though we may seem to repeat
former advice, and some time like the successive
tenches of good which from time to time are
making upon your hearts, is never obsolete. it is a sing
mat favour, that in various places there are
continually fresh proofs of the prevalence of the
love of Christ operating on the minds

and producing its genuine and blessed effect
of conformity to his likeness: Humility. It is true
and self-denial must form a part of this likeness:
but so it is ~~to true, and~~ both also. the real and proper
love of God, and of our neighbour: and "if we have
been planted together in the likeness of his death,
we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."
Brethren, therefore, we beseech you, early — and in
good earnest and thoroughly, under the powerful
hand of the Lord. "The fear of the Lord is ~~the~~
the ~~beginning~~ ~~and of the~~ beginning of wisdom: yea
the foundation of true knowledge. There is
danger in seeking knowledge independently of this, for
so, as saith the apostle, "knowledge puffeth up."
But this true knowledge is life eternal. "This,
said our blessed Lord, "is life eternal, that they
might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom thou hast sent." O, the favour,
the honour, and the eternally blessed effect of
taught of the Lord!

Nor have our good desires at this time been confined to the youth only. We are disposed to write also to you, who have passed the meridian of life. You have travelled along course through the dangers and vicissitudes of time; and it will be well for you to reflect, and to know, how far you have engaged in a long course of profession: and to some of you we trust it may be said, "You have known Him that is from the beginning." We beseech you to pause, and to ponder the path of your feet. Is your adoration nearer than when you believed? is your present state answerable to the love

with which you were visited and attended in the morning of your day; and is your love now, equal to the love of your espousals? Fruits of increasing love to God are manifested in a variety of ways; and probably not in any one more, or more acceptably to Him, than by tokens of regard for the flock of his hand He visited you in his church. It is remarkable, that when our Lord thrice put the question to his zealous disciple, Peter, "Simon, lovest thou me more than these?" the only consequent instruction was, "Feed my lambs — feed my sheep." There are various ways, too, in which this may be effected; by prayer, by sympathy, by assistance in their spiritual difficulties; but above all by steady, uniform, circumspect example. Did these dear friends, as you know, cannot be afforded to them, one fresh supplies of spiritual strength to them, and the fear of the Lord. How faithful and advantageous is an observance of the comprehensive command of Christ: "I say unto all, Watch!" Thus young and old may be helps to each other: for as "He that watereth shall be watered" so he only the disciple who contributes to forward others in the path of righteousness and peace will receive an increase of ability himself to hold on his way; faithful members of the gathered church will become each others' joy in the Lord.

We have received at this Yearly Meeting, an acceptable epistle from Ireland, and from each of the North American Yearly Meetings. The latter continue steadily occupied in endeavouring not only to build up our own Society in Christian

practice but to diffuse the benefits of their Christian charity, beyond our limits. Two of them, namely those of Maryland and Carolina, have lately again become advocates with their respective legislatures, for their oppressed brethren of the African race; and though yet in vain, not with discouragement to our further intercession: and three of them, those of New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, are still attentive to the benevolent object of attempting to civilize their Indian neighbours.

The sufferings reported this year amount in all to about Twelve thousand seven hundred pounds. Ecclesiastical demands form the bulk, and military ones a considerable part; and a few friends have been imprisoned for refusing to serve in the militia.

Dear friends, as in our religious refusal to pay tithes, and to take our part with others in military service, our object is to bear testimony to the freedom of gospel ministry, and to the supremacy of Christ as a teacher in the heart; and also to his reign of peace in the "kingdoms of this world;" we desire that in all your conduct amongst men, you may walk worthy of the high profession which you make; in which truly Christian endeavour you will continually feel the need of his inward support.

Many are the duties incumbent on the followers of Christ and all require the support of his presence for their due performance. "Without me," they are his own words, "ye can do nothing." We feel inclined at this time, even to close the present salutation of our love, to remind you of this indispensible duty, the acknowledgment of our dependence on his power,

by duly assembling at the seasons appointed for wait-
-ing on and worshipping God. Deficiencies, indeed,
in this respect do not in general appear to increase;
and we are aware that we often renew our tender sort-
-ation on this subject. Once more dear friends, let
the exortation go forth. Consider the motives of
deficiency, such of you as may be conscious of it. If,
as the Apostle has declared, the presenting of your
bodies be a reasonable service," we beseech you to examin
into the cause that it is ~~not~~ too often intermitted. Is it
not, that in a greater or less degree you may still
be "conformed to this world?" But recollect: this con-
formity will still prevent the Christian-professor
from being transformed by the renewing of the
mind; and from proving (as who at the solemn approa-
-ching does will not desire to have proved) "what
is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."
Now the God of peace, that brought again from
the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep
through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do his will, working in
you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through
Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting

by John Tilbrinson

Clerk to the Meeting this

Sandwich monthly meeting proposes that in future that meetings be held at the following times and places – which is agreed to by this meeting – Viz

All the monthly meetings to be held on the first sixth day of each respective mo. except those in the 4th 7th 10th and 12th months which are to be held as follows. Those in the 4th and 12th mos. on the second day preceding the Quarterly meetings which are held in those months. that for the 7th mo. on the sixth day preceding the Quarterly meeting held in that mo. at Yarmouth. and that in the 11th mo. to be held on the day after the Quarterly meeting ~~held on the 2d day~~ The several meetings in the respective months to be held at the following

the 2. 4. 6. 8. 10. and 12 months at Sandwich
" 1. 4. 7. 9 months at Falmouth
" 3 and 11 — — at Yarmouth

Extracted from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford the 3rd day of 12th mo. 1811

Wm Clerk

Epistle
From the
Yearly Meeting Held In
London.

By Adjournments from the 20th of the Fifth Month, to the 30th of the same inclusive. 1812,

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great-Britian, Ireland, and Else.

Dear Friends

Being permitted to meet at the present time to investigate the state of our religious Society, and participating together in that love which we believe takes its origin in the boundless mercy of God through Christ our holy Redeemer, through Him who died for us, and who liveth to make intercession for us; we have found this love to extend to you our Brethren. We have considered your situation, whether in your larger or smaller meetings; and as we have again been impressed with the belief, that in renewing the written salutation of our love, we shall be found in the way of our duty, we have desired to be directed to impart to you such information and counsel as may tend to your increase in the fear of the Lord, and in the consolations of his presence.

Seeing therefore the infinite value of love, that indispensable qualification of patient disciples, we ardently desire to impress it on every individual to examine impartially how far he feels it to flourish in his own mind, and to influence all his actions, thus inducing others to follow him, as he is endeavouring to follow Christ. And we believe that nothing is more favourable to the preservation of this holy disposition as humility of heart, a temper

in which we constantly see ourselves unworthy of the least of the Lords mercys, and we believe that nothing will be so favourable to the preservation of this holy disposition as humility of heart, a temper in which we constantly see ourselves unworthy of the least of the Lords mercies, and dependent only on his compassion for our final acceptance, seeing also that no awakened mind can be without a view to a better and an enduring state, and that no one knows how soon he may be called to put off mutability; let us bear in perpetual recollection that in the state to which we aspire, there is nothing but eternal love, joy and adoration, in the presence of him through whose love we were first awakened.

In contemplating this copious subject, though we are not apprehensive of more symptoms of deficiency than in former years, we feel disposed afresh to encourage friends to be prompt in undertaking, and prudent in executing the blessed office of peace-maker; and we believe the patient endeavours of faithful friends will be generally crowned with success, in proportion as their own minds are seeking to Jesus for assistance in performing an office on which he has pronounced his blessing; and in endeavouring to lead the minds of any contending persons, to a sense of the absolute necessity for all true disciples to live in peace one with another, and to forgive one another, even as God for Christs sake has forgiven them.

Before we quit the subject of Christian love, let us remind you that no limit of name can

can found its influence. In this season of almost unprecedented pressure on some of the poorer classes of our countrymen, we deem it particularly desirable, that our dear friends every where should not be backward in examining into their distresses; but liberal in contributing a due proportion of relief. Many are allowed to have temporal possessions sufficient to do this with comparative ease. Let these therefore remember that they are but stewards, and let them seek to be good and faithful stewards. And it is probable that others not equally abounding in the good things of this life, may find that in using moderation in their own expenditure, they may have where with to supply the wants of others, and to make the heart of the poor man sing for joy. O, the blessing of clothing the naked and feeding the hungry! who would not desire to be entitled to a share in it.

Moderation in personal and domestic expences, every way becomes the followers of a lowly hearted Saviour. We are therefore engaged to press it upon our young friends just setting out in life, to beware of needless expence in the furniture of their houses, and in their general domestic habits. Even those who think their property may entitle them to abundence or to elegance, by indulging in costly habits are setting but an ill example to those of more contracted means; and as we are but too apt to copy that which coincides with our natural disposition, our want of circumspection may prove

an incitement to extravagance in others, and prompt them to use exertions for supporting an appearance; which may divert them from the true business of life — the daily study to be approved in the sight of God.

And dear youth in general, especially you whose period of life may not be so advanced as that of those whom we have just addressed, even you who have left, or are about to leave the protection of a parent, and to enter into the busy scenes of life; some of you, probably, in populous towns, far different from the retirement of your paternal abodes; we beseech you to guard against the new temptations which may now assail you. Oppose the first incitement to any liberty inconsistent with your principles, and be willing to seek the society of experienced friends in the places where you may be situated, and to receive their admonition with meekness and attention. Never forget that the season of early youth is a season of peculiar danger; and if you grow up under this sense, you will from time to time be led to cry for preservation to Him who has said, (and his words are Amen forever,) "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

The usual accounts of sufferings brought in this year, chiefly for tithes and those called church rates, and for military demands, amount to thirteen thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds. Five young men have been imprisoned for refusing to serve in the [illegible] militia.—

Besides these and other accounts which we have received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we have an epistle from Ireland, and one from each of the Yearly Meetings on the American continent. The Yearly Meetings of our American brethren seem vigilant in their attention to the support of our testimonies, and to purposes of general benevolence. The due education of our youth still forms a part of the concern of the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania; which has also, together with those of Maryland, * testify in their Epistles, their unremitting concern for the state of the enslaved Africans in their land. Although in our country, as well as in theirs, the infamous traffick with Africa in slaves has been abolished by law, we desire friends not to forget that slavery still exist within the British empire, and to suffer their sympathy still to flow towards its oppressed victims.

Thus dear friends, we trust we may say that both abroad and at home, the Lord is influencing his servants to remain on the watch. Though the subjects of our concern may be somewhat various, it is still pleasant to reflect that all are aiming at the same object, and all looking to the same Lord for his gracious assistence. Having the same faith, and being baptized with the same baptism, even those plunges into exercise and conflict which wash us from confidence in our own exertions; how can it be otherwise than that we should rely, as we have just hinted, on the same Lord?

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* and Newyork, continued to care for the native inhabitants of the wilderness; and those of Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, { To be read after Maryland